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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 7, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.